



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

- WHEREAS: ALS, known by many as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a progressive, fatal, neurodegenerative disease that attacks nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord, making even the simplest movements - walking, speaking, gesturing - nearly impossible; and
- WHEREAS: Approximately 30,000 individuals in the United States are afflicted with ALS at any given time, with 5,000 new cases appearing each year. Approximately 15 new cases of ALS are diagnosed every day, with a person losing their battle with the disease every 90 minutes, and ALS strikes people regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnicity; and
- WHEREAS: Finding a cure for ALS will prevent the disease from robbing hundreds of thousands of Americans of their dignity and lives; and
- WHEREAS: Aggressive treatments of the symptoms of ALS can extend the lives of those living with the disease; and
- WHEREAS: The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) leads the search for treatments and a cure for ALS through its aggressive, worldwide research and MDA/ALS clinical programs. The Muscular Dystrophy Association's aggregate expenditures for services and research for ALS total more than \$365 million; and
- WHEREAS: Raising public awareness of this disease will facilitate the discovery of a cure, bring much needed dollars for support, and services for families in Minnesota dealing with ALS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2014, as:

ALS AWARENESS MONTH

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 28th day of April.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE